

**I Claim:**

1. A writing instrument comprised of:
  - a case including a first end portion and a second end portion that when joined define an enclosed interior space in which an item can be placed;
  - a writing implement affixed to the first end portion, the writing implement pivotable between a writing position and a rest position;

wherein when the first end portion is joined to the case an enclosed interior space is defined, and when the first end portion is removed from the case the interior space can be accessed.
2. The writing instrument of claim 1 wherein the second end is provided with an end wall integral with the second end portion.
3. The writing instrument of claim 1 wherein a time piece is positioned on the case.
4. The writing instrument of claim 1 wherein the second end portion is provided with a lip for receiving the first end portion when the first end portion is joined to the second end portion.
5. The writing instrument of claim 1 wherein the writing implement is a pen.
6. The writing instrument of claim 1 wherein the writing implement is a pencil.
7. The writing instrument of claim 1 wherein the writing implement is affixed to the first end portion by a pin that extends through an aperture in the first end portion.
8. The writing instrument of claim 1 wherein when the writing implement is in the rest position, it lies against the case.
9. A multi purpose container comprised of, in side-by-side arrangement:
  - first container portion configured to receive an item , wherein the first container portion is provided with first half, a second half, and a hinge joining the first half and the second half, wherein the halves are movable between an open position and a closed position, the first container portion having an interior space for receiving an item; into which space the item can be inserted and removed from the container portion;

a second container portion configured to receive a writing implement, the second container portion being open on one side, through which a writing implement can be inserted and removed from the second container portion.

- 10. The container of claim 9 further comprised of a gauge or computational parameter positioned on the container.
- 11. The container of claim 9 further comprised of a timepiece positioned on the container.
- 12. The container of claim 9 further comprised of a compass positioned on the container.
- 13. The container of claim 9 further comprised of a gauge for measuring atmospheric pressure positioned on the container.
- 14. The container of claim 9 further comprised of a gauge for measuring humidity positioned on the container.
- 15. In combination, the container of claim 9 and a writing instrument stored with in the container.
- 16. In combination, the container of claim 9, and an electronic device stored with in the container.
- 17. In combination, the container of claim 9, an electronic device stored with in the container, and a writing instrument stored with in the container.
- 18. A container comprised of a first half and a second half, the first and second halves each having hinge forming members that join to form a hinge that permits the container to be opened and closed, the halves having a base side and a skirt extending around the perimeter of the base in a direction perpendicular to the base, wherein the hinge forming members are located on one side of the base, wherein when the eyeglass container is in the closed position the skirt of the first half and the skirt of the second half are in an abutting relationship and first interior space is defined for storing an item; wherein the hinge defines a second interior space in which an item having the configuration of a writing instrument can be positioned.
- 19. The container of claim 18 wherein the hinge forming members are provided with a difference in sizing to permit one hinge forming member to be positioned in the other hinge forming member.

20. In combination, the container of claim 18 and a pair of eyeglasses placed in the first interior space.

21. In combination, the container of claim 18 and a writing instrument placed in the second interior space.

22. In combination, the container of claim 18, a pair of eyeglasses placed in the first interior space, and a writing instrument placed in the second interior space.

23. The container of claim 18 further comprised of a gauge or computational parameter positioned on the container.

24. The container of claim 18 further comprised of a timepiece positioned on the container.

25. The container of claim 18 further comprised of a compass positioned on the container.

26. The container of claim 18 further comprised of a gauge for measuring atmospheric pressure positioned on the container.

27. The container of claim 18 further comprised of a gauge for measuring humidity positioned on the container.

28. A container that, when not subjected to a force sufficient to flip it or turn it, is in an upright position, comprised of:  
a housing having top and bottom zones, the bottom zone having a density in excess of the density of the top zone, the bottom zone having a rounded surface and constituting the bottom of the container,  
the housing defining an interior space in which an item can be stored; and  
the housing being provided with a separable portion to permit access to the interior space.

29. The container of claim 28 wherein the separable portion is the top zone.

30. The container of claim 28 wherein the separable portion has a conical shape.

31. The container of claim 28 wherein the separable portion is a closure positioned in an opening in the top zone.

32. The container of claim 28 wherein the interior space is configured to receive a writing instrument.

33. The container of claim 28 wherein the top zone is provided with a time piece.

34. The container of claim 28 wherein the bottom zone is constructed of a material having a density greater than the density of a material used to construct the top zone.

35. The container of claim 28 wherein the bottom zone is provided with a compartment configured to retain an item.

36. The container of claim 28 wherein the compartment is a slot having circular sidewalls that extend upward in the interior space from a bottom of the container.

37. The container of claim 28 wherein the compartment is at least one slot having plurality of slot defining sidewalls that extend upward in the interior space from a bottom of the container.

38. In combination, the container of claim 28 having a writing instrument positioned within the interior space.

39. In combination, the container of claim 28 having a pair of eyeglasses positioned within the interior space.

40. In combination, the container of claim 28 having a writing instrument and a pair of eyeglasses positioned within the interior space.

41. In combination, the container of claim 28 having a writing instrument and a pair of eyeglasses positioned within the interior space, and a timepiece positioned on the container.

42. A container for storing an item comprised of:  
a first container portion having a side wall that defines an interior space;  
a second container portion defining an interior space that is configured to store a writing instrument, the second container portion being positioned on the sidewall of the first container portion;  
the first container portion having a closure attached thereto by a hinge, the closure being movable between a position closed on the container and an open position permitting access to the interior space.

43. The container of claim 42 wherein the interior space of the second container portion is less voluminous than the interior space of the first container portion.

44. The container of claim 42 wherein the closure is provided with a timepiece in which is

visible on a side of the closure facing the interior space, the timepiece being visible when the closure is in the open position.

45. A container comprised of:  
a first container portion having a hinged body movable between a closed position and an open position, the body defining an enclosed interior space in which an item can be placed when it is in the closed position;  
a second container portion defining an interior space that is configured to store a writing instrument, the second container portion being adjoined to the sidewall of the first container portion.

46. The container of claim 45 wherein the body having end closures at first and second ends of the body.

47. The container of claim 45 wherein the hinged body has a length dimension, the hinged body comprised of two halves joined at the hinge which extends in the length dimension, the second container portion being attached to one of the two halves.

48. The container of claim 45 wherein one of the end closures is provided with a gauge for measuring a parameter or a computational device.

49. The container of claim 45 wherein one of the end closures is provided with a timepiece.

50. In combination, the container of claim 45 and a pair of eyeglasses positioned in the interior space of the first container portion.

51. In combination, the container of claim 45 and a writing instrument positioned in the interior space of the second container portion.

52. A container comprised of a hinged body having first and second container portions in an adjoining relationship, the hinged body movable between a closed position and an open position, hinged body being comprised of halves joined at the hinge, the halves being divided into a first container forming portion and a second container forming portion. the body having end closures at first and second ends of the body, wherein the body, when in the closed position, defines first and second interior spaces in the first and second container portions, in which items can be placed when the body is in the closed position.

53. The container of claim 52 wherein the first and second halves are divided into the first

container forming portions and second container forming portions at a zone boundary.

54. The container of claim 52 wherein the first container portion is provided with end closures at a first end and a second end of the first container portion.
55. The container of claim 52 wherein the first container portion is configured to retain a pair of eyeglasses.
56. The container of claim 52 wherein the second container portion is configured to retain a writing instrument.
57. The container of claim 52 wherein the hinged body has a length dimension, the hinged body being comprised of two halves joined at the hinge which extends in the length dimension, the two halves being constructed of sidewalls that define the first container portion and second container portion.
58. In combination, the container of claim 52 and a pair of eyeglasses stored in the container.
59. In combination, the container of claim 52 and a writing instrument stored in the container.
60. In combination, the container of claim 52, a pair of eyeglasses, and a writing instrument stored in the container.
61. The container of claim 52 wherein one of the end closures is provided with a timepiece.
62. In combination, the container of claim 62, a pair of eyeglasses, and a writing instrument stored in the container.
63. A container comprised of: a body having a length dimension that is divided in halves in a direction that intersects the length dimension, the body further having first and second container portions in an adjoining relationship, the body movable between a closed position in which the two halves are joined and an open position in which the halves are separated, and wherein the body, when in the closed position, has interior spaces defined in the first and second container portions, in which portions items can be retained.
64. The container of claim 63 wherein the halves are about equal in length.
65. The container of claim 63 wherein the first container portion has a perimeter and the second container portion is located on the perimeter.
66. The container of claim 63 wherein the second container portion is provided with an open end.

67. The container of claim 63 wherein the first container portion is configured to retain a pair of eyeglasses.

68. The container of claim 63 wherein the second container portion is configured to retain a writing instrument.

69. In combination, the container of claim 63 and a pair of eyeglasses stored in the container.

70. In combination, the container of claim 63 and a writing instrument stored in the container.

71. In combination, the container of claim 63, a pair of eyeglasses, and a writing instrument stored in the container.

72. The container of claim 63 wherein one of the end closures is provided with a timepiece.

73. In combination, the container of claim 72, a pair of eyeglasses, and a writing instrument stored in the container.

74. A writing instrument comprised of:  
a hinged body movable between a closed position and an open position, the body defining an interior space in which an item can be placed when it is in the closed position;  
the body having a writing implement positioned at the a first end of the body, the writing implement attached to the body by a hinge, the writing implement movable between a writing position and an open position.

75. The writing instrument of claim 74 wherein the writing implement is provided with a timepiece positioned to be visible when the writing implement is in the open position.

76. The writing instrument of claim 74 wherein the body is provided with a second end closure.

77. The writing instrument of claim 74 wherein the hinged body has a length dimension, the hinged body being comprised of two halves joined at the hinge which extends in the length dimension, the writing implement being attached to one of the two halves.

78. The writing instrument of claim 77 in which the second end closure is comprised of a pair of semicircles, each of which is attached to one of the halves.

79. In combination, the writing instrument of claim 74 and eyeglasses positioned in the interior space.

80. In combination, the writing instrument of claim 75 and eyeglasses positioned in the interior space.

81. A writing instrument comprised of:  
a body that defines an interior space in which an item can be placed;  
a writing implement positioned at the first end of the body, the writing implement attached to the body by a hinge, the writing implement pivotable between a writing position and an open position providing access to the container.

82. The writing instrument of claim 81 wherein the body has a second closed end.

83. The writing instrument of claim 81 further comprised of a timepiece positioned on an end of the body opposite the writing implement.

84. The writing instrument of claim 81 further comprised of a gauge for measuring a parameter or a computational device is positioned on a back end of the writing implement.

85. The writing instrument of claim 81 wherein the body is provided with a second end attached to the container by a hinge, the second end movable between an open position and a closed position.

86. The writing instrument of claim 85 wherein a gauge for measuring a parameter or a computational device is positioned on the second end.

87. The writing instrument of claim 85 wherein a gauge for measuring a parameter is positioned on a face of the second end that faces the interior space.

88. The writing instrument of claim 85 wherein a gauge for measuring a parameter is positioned on an outer face of the second end.

89. The writing instrument of claim 87 wherein the gauge is a timepiece.

90. The writing instrument of claim 88 wherein the gauge is a timepiece.

91. In combination, the writing instrument of claim 85 and a pair of eyeglasses positioned in the interior space.

92. A writing instrument comprised of:

a barrel having an axis extending in the longitudinal direction, the barrel defining an interior space for retaining and storing an item;  
a first end having a writing implement that is positioned off of the axis of the barrel;  
an opening in the first end in communication with the interior space; and  
a removable closure adapted to seal the opening when the closure is placed on the first end and permitting access to the opening when the closure is removed from the opening.

- 93. The writing instrument of claim 92 wherein the closure further covers a tip of the writing implement when the closure is placed on the first end of the writing implement.
- 94. The writing instrument of claim 92 further comprised of a mirror.
- 95. The writing instrument of claim 92 wherein the mirror is positioned proximate the writing implement.
- 96. The writing instrument of claim 92 wherein the first end is further comprised of a fingernail shaped housing in which the writing implement is positioned.
- 97. The writing instrument of claim 92 wherein the mirror is positioned on the fingernail shaped housing.
- 98. The writing instrument of claim 92 wherein the tip of the writing implement is positioned within a recess on the closure when the closure is placed on the first end of the writing implement.
- 99. In combination, the writing instrument of claim 92 and a pair of eyeglasses positioned within the interior space.
- 100. The writing instrument of claim 92 wherein a timepiece is provided on an end of the writing instrument.
- 101. The writing instrument of claim 92 the writing implement is attached to the barrel by a hinge and is movable between an open position and a closed position, wherein the writing implement has a rear surface that seals the opening of the barrel when the writing implement is in the closed position.
- 102. The writing instrument of claim 92 wherein a timepiece is provided on an end of the

writing instrument.

- 103. The writing instrument of claim 92 wherein the closure further covers a tip of the writing implement when the closure is placed on the first end of the writing implement.
- 104. A folding eyeglass frame comprised of a front frame including a pair of lens retaining portions joined together by a bridge provided with a hinge, arms movably mounted on sides of the front frame, the arms being movable between a configuration in which the arms are positioned to be received over the ears or temporal portions of an eyeglass wearer and a configuration in which the arms are moved towards the lens retaining members, and ear rests that are slidably mounted over the arms between an extended position and a position that overlaps the arms.
- 105. The folding eyeglass frame of claim 104 further comprised of lenses retained within the lens retaining members.
- 106. The folding eyeglass frame of claim 104 wherein the ear rests are provided with a concave shape.
- 107. The folding eyeglass frame of claim 104 in a folded state wherein the glasses are retained within the ear rests.
- 108. A folded pair of eyeglasses in which a component of the eyeglasses encases lens retaining members.
- 109. The folded pair of eyeglasses of claim 108 which are encased in a concave shaped ear rest affixed to a frame of the glasses.